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MURTHA CULLINA GRANTS HOLIDAY WISHES TO UNDERPRIVILEGED TEENS IN NEW HAVEN

NEW HAVEN, CT (December 21, 2009)... For the sixth year in a row, the New Haven and Madison offices of Murtha Cullina provided holiday gifts to teens in Youth Continuum Programs -- and not just any gifts. The teens received actual items that were on their lists, including acoustic guitars, iPods, digital cameras, \$100 gift cards, video games and so much more. Youth Continuum is a non-profit agency providing counseling, group homes, transitional living, supportive housing and educational programs to homeless youth in the Greater New Haven area. This year Murtha Cullina provided gifts for 14 teens in 3 of the organization's group homes, and employees donated over \$2,500 worth of gifts. One attorney bought a suit, belt, tie and two button-down shirts for a teen needing to go on job interviews. For a teen that has a passion for poetry, an employee purchased poetry books and journals. Another received a large motorized model sailboat.

"Instead of simply raising money, we asked the kids to make a list and we shopped for the items ourselves to be sure they got exactly what they wanted," said Anita Gawronski, the New Haven Office Manager who headed up the cause. "We all feel a personal connection to this cause and to these teenagers, and we wanted to make their holiday special."

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